that, first instalment of Rs. 25.00 lakhs was released to Tripura Gramin Bank, Agartala in March, 2001, and Rs. 15 lakhs has been placed at the disposal of TSICL

Release of the remaining amount of assistance is based on utilization of TSICL's share and the Ministry's assistance already released.

. **Saraswati Sishu Mandir**

1843. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Saraswati Sishu Mandir and Saraswati Vidya Mandir functioning in the country, district-wise, state-wise and the number of students in each of these Mandirs (schools);

(b) whether these institutions are following the CBSE syllabus and are recognised by Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) 'Education' is in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and the school education is primarily responsibility of the State Government. The information on the number of Saraswati Sishu Mandir and Saraswati Vidya Mandir is not maintained centrally. The schools are recognized by the State Governments in accordance with State Education Act/Rules. However, In so far as Central Government is concerned, the affiliation etc. is also given to these schools by CBSE, an autonomous organisation. There are 29 Saraswati Sishu Mandir and Saraswati Vidya Mandir Schools presently affiliated with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and all these schools are following the syllabus prescribed by the CBSE.